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- 1. The political climate of the Maracaibo area continues to be unusually calm and clear. No clandestine literature regarding the Venezuelan-Soviet diplomatic break has appeared in this area or in the nearby oilfields. Comments and verbal discussion of the incident, even among the working classes, were surprisingly limited, according to observers in the oil camps.
- 2. Many of the people who were arrested on 13 and 14 June were released after only a few hours. The Seguridad Nacional apparently did little more in these cases than to call in potential trouble-makers to give them a stiff warning. Others were released on a staggered basis. A few are still under arrest.
- 3. No incidents or demonstrations of any kind have been reported.
- 4. Seguridad Nacional arrests during the round-up of 13-14 June were poorly organized and, particularly in Cabimas, reached the point of professional ridicule. Seguridad agents in Cabimas went to the Industrial Relations offices of the various companies asking for the names of Communists and Communist sympathizers on the company payrolls. When such lists were not handed over, SN agents are alleged to have declared petulantly that they had expected better co-operation in meeting their "arrest quotas".

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